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General Comment

I am writing regarding a proposed rule requiring all individual and group health plans, including self-insured plans, to offer all FDA approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and counseling without patient cost sharing. The proposed rule's requirement would begin in the first plan year after Aug. 1, 2012. I urge you the agency to adopt a much broader definition of "religious employer" to accommodate the Catholic health ministry and other Church entities since a requirement that we provide these kinds of procedures to our employees would put us in a moral quandry.